

Mobilise In Thousands Against This Illegal Ghosh Ministry

Mr. Dharam Vira, sent by the Central Congress Government to West Bengal as Governor precisely for the purpose of carrying out the Congress conspiracy to topple the U. F. Government in the State, has succeeded in his mission. Aided by the big business, he in collusion with the Central Government, Congress Party, the top section of bureaucracy and police and the treacherous, politically dishonest clique headed by the erstwhile Gandhian leader, Dr. P. C. Ghosh, has been able to dissolve the most popular non-Congress ministry in India and install the unlawful Ghosh Ministry. This action on the part of the West Bengal Governor has been characterised as a rape of the Indian constitution and undemocratic by all sections of democratic people inside and outside our country, not excluding a large number of eminent jurists and former ministers of the Central Congress Government like Mr. M.C. Chagla and Mr V. K. Krishna Menon. Even a section of the so-called nationalist Press controlled by the monopolists has had no other alternative but to condemn this action of the Governor as autocratic, unconstitutional and undemocratic. Shri Bejoy Kumar Banerjee, Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, who was all through a Congressman till his break with Shri Atulya Ghosh, has rightly declared on the floor of the House that "the dissolution of the Ministry headed by Shri Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee, the appointment of Dr. P. C. Ghosh as Chief Minister and the summoning of the House on his advice is unconstitutional and invalid since it has been effected behind the back of this House." He has also ruled that the argument that the words in Article 164(1) of the Constitution "the Ministers shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor" vest in the Governor the power to dismiss a ministry is without merit. Under the Constitution the Governor has no such power. He is only a constitutional head and has no function.

The Governor has sought to justify his illegal and undemocratic action by stating that he would have failed in his duty as the constitutional head, had he allowed the Ministry headed by Shri Mukherjee to function, as, according to him, grave doubt had arisen as to whether the Ministry enjoyed the confidence of the majority of the members of the Legisla-

tive Assembly, because of some defection from the United Front Legislature Party. But doubt is merely doubt. If the doubt is confirmed then and

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then only it becomes a reality. And the only forum to get this doubt confirmed or unconfirmed was the legislative Assembly. The U.F. Ministry advised the Governor to summon the

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Orissa People Resent Against Dharam Vira

(By a Staff Reporter)

At ROURKELA

A mass meeting was held on the Maidan near Ispat Nagar on 26. 11. 67 at 5 P.M. under the auspices of S.U.C.I., C.P.I. (M.), S.S.P., Rourkela Worker's Union and some prominent citizens with Shri H.C. Roy, Advocate on the chair protesting against the dismissal of the United Front Government in West Bengal in an undemocratic and unconstitutional way.

Com. Tapas Dutta while addressing the meeting condemned the way in which the popular United Front Government of West Bengal had been dismissed unlawfully by Governor, Dharam Vira, at the behest of the ruling capitalist class, the reactionary forces and the Congress Party; he also said that this clearly proved the hollowness of Parliamentary democracy and the real power of Government under the capitalist system. Others who spoke in the meeting were Com. N. Pande, Com. S.N. Mudali, Com. Quasim, D. Naik and S.B. Dasgupta. Com. B. Jena moved a resolution to this effect which was unanimously passed in the meeting. After the meeting the effigies of Dharam Vira and Dr. Profulla Ghosh were burnt.

AT TARAPUR

A public meeting was held under the auspices of S.U.C.I., Sundergarh District Committee and Rourkela Worker's Union on 30. 11. 67 at 5 P.M. at Tarapur. Com. B. Jena, Advocate, presided over the meeting.

Com. Tapas Dutta strongly protested against the illegal suspension of some H. S. L. workers. While criticising the unconstitutional action of the Governor of West Bengal by dismissing United Front Government Com. Dutta said that parliamentary way is not the way for working class emancipation. Com. S. K. Quasim discussed the problem of the contractor workers particularly the demands of the workers, of M/s Uttam Singh Dugal & Co. (P) Ltd, Rourkela. Com. B. Jena in his presidential address stressed on the need to organise the workers in order to overthrow the ruling capitalist class.

Two resolutions - one condemning the action of Sri Dharam Vira, Governor of West Bengal and another condoling the death of Com. Nagen Mondal, the Kisan organiser of S.U.C.I. West Bengal by police firing were passed unanimously.

Vietnam Solidarity Week —A Review

We, on pages of Proletarian Era, Socialist Unity, Ganadavi etc.—the organs of our party—have time and again observed that it is hightime that all the progressive, democratic minded, freedom-loving people of the world should consider the Vietnamese peoples' just struggle against U.S. Imperialism as their own and should without further loss of time come forward in mighty vigour to bring about an end to the rabid atrocities the American war pirates are continuing on the land of Vietnam.

It is in the interest of the working people of the world that consolidated resistance should be organised against U.S. Imperialism to defeat its neo-colonial design—the design to subjugate the whole of humanity to its ruthless naked exploitation. To any thoughtful individual it is today clear as daylight why are the U.S. war pirates engaged in this toiling battle in Vietnam—clear it is in spite of all their efforts to befool and confuse the world people with high-sounding- phrases of “containment of Communism” “containment of Chinese expansionism in South East Asia” “establishment of a Free World” etc. etc.

World people are no more confused—on the contrary more than convinced of the interest of the Wall Street Big Bosses, that is deciding the U.S. Policy about this war in Vietnam, Latin America, West Asia and the like. And in fact the U.S. economy in order to lessen the intensity of the severe economic crisis had to convert itself into a war economy which has been clearly manifested through these wars. The American economists have observed this time and again, may be not in so many words. It is today an agreed fact, proved beyond any shadow of doubt, that it is the U.S. Imperialists

and not the “Communists” who have unilaterally broken the Geneva Agreement and started this manhaunt in Vietnam.

The people of the world have not failed to witness the undaunted determination of the Vietnam patriots—their heroic fights and achievements against the most powerful army of the world with their most modern war equipments. “We are fighting a losing battle”—such is the cry of a section of the war veterans of America today.

The more crushing defeats they are experiencing, the more nasty and virulent they are becoming. The more battles they are losing, more desperately and frantically they are behaving. Their savagery in Vietnam has surpassed that of Nazi Hitler by at least hundred times. But U.S. Imperialism with all its might lost its battle in China, lost its counter-revolutionary design in Cuba—it is sure to lose its battle in Vietnam. History will speak for itself.

It is to the utter dismay of the U.S. Imperialist war racketeers that world opinion is gradually intensifying against their gangsterism. The International War Tribunal headed by the great humanists like Bertrand Russell and Jean Paul Sartre have denounced U.S.A. and pronounced U.S.

Imperialism guilty of “war crimes in Vietnam.” “...with a view to negating the fundamental rights of the Vietnamese people, their unity and wish for peace, these crimes against humanity of which the Government of the United States of America is guilty, have become a fundamental component part of the crime of aggression, supreme crime encompassing all the others according to the terms of the Nuremberg Judgment.

“We come to the conclusion that the Government and the armed forces of the United States are guilty of deliberate, systematic and large scale bombardments including the civilian population’ dwelling houses, villages, dams, dykes, health establishments, leper hospitals, schools, churches, pagodas, historical and cultural monuments.

By

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“We also conclude in unanimity, except one abstention, that the Government of the United States of America is guilty of repeated violations of the sovereignty, neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia, guilty of attacks against the civilian population of a certain numbers of Cambodian towns and villages. (Excerpt from the Judgment of the International War Tribunal, Stockholm May 10, 1967)

The toiling millions of the world are mustering in growing numbers and raising their voice in protest. The Vietnam Solidarity week was observed from 15th Oct, 1967 throughout the world with great determination and vigour. Time Asia Edition, (a journal known for its anti-communist policy) October 27th says, “mean while, pro-communist and a wider spectrum of emotional anti-Americans took to the streets in a dozen foreign capitals from London to

Tokyo, Tel Aviv to West Berlin.”

Particularly significant and symbolical was the protest raised by the people of West Berlin, one of the closest allies of U.S.A. and Australia—the active participants in Vietnam.

“It is reported from Bonn, the Capital of the West Germany, that marchers paraded against the war in Vietnam in several West German cities last night (Oct 21st) calling for International action in the wake of internal American opposition to the war.

“In Hamburg thousands paraded a paper tiger with caricature face of President Johnson and placards reading “end the war in Vietnam” and “Ho Chi Minh will win.”

“Sydney people today marched two miles through the city in a protest against Australian involvement in Vietnam,” (Hindustan Standard Oct 22nd)

The impact of the war has left its impressions even on a section of the Indian Intellectuals. This is evident from the fact “87 leading advocates of Delhi including two former highcourt Judges Sarjoo Prosad and H.R. Gokhale have cabled whole hearted support to the American lawyers committee in its protest march against the U.S. Policy.” (Hindustan Standard Oct. 22nd)

We observe with great satisfaction that the people of America too have at last broken their shell of utter callousness and indifference and have stood in positive threat against the Vietnam policy of Johnson Government.

“The demonstration began under a crystalline noonday sky at the Lincoln Memorial”, says Time Asia Edition Oct. 27th, “it took on special impact by climaxing a week of anti-war protest across the nation. Beneath the marbled gaze of Lincoln’s statue, red and blue vietcong flags mingled with signs affirming that “Che

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Inaugural Speech by Com. Subodh Banerjee

AT THE

Second National Convention Against AUTOMATION

Held At New Delhi From 9th to 10th Dec. 1967

Dear Friends and Comrades,

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be with you and participate in this Second National Convention Against Automation. It goes without saying that automation in general and automation of table-work in particular under the present system of capitalist economy in our country, more so at its present stage of development have caused great apprehension in the minds of not only the workers and employees who are directly affected by automation but the general public interested in the well-being of the people as well. The issue is not one of academic controversy. It has already become a burning question involving job-security of thousands of working men and women, a question of life and death to the people who earn their bread at the sweat of their brow. Needless to mention, as one belonging to the working class all my support goes to you and your just and legitimate struggle against the Government-backed employer class bent on amassing fabulous profits at the cost of the lives of the working class in India.

It is true that the total picture of the magnitude of automation and its baneful effect in the existing system of economy in our country is not yet clearly known to us. The Central Government has not come out with its case in the open. It never takes the people into confidence on any vital issue concerning the life of the toiling population. In this case also it has not deviated from that characteristic path. The Government has not informed in clear terms its policy about automation and the industries or branches of industries where it wants to introduce automation. But notwithstanding this suppression of information by the Government of India, we have every reason to believe that both the Public and the Private sector are to introduce automation of table-work in a quite

big way. Already more than a hundred business and industrial organisations have either introduced automation of table-work or declared their intention to do so. With the passage of time more and more concerns are coming out with intention to introduce automation, resulting in the creation of a situation where security of employment of workers and employees is conspicuous by its absence.

You must have been aware of the slanderous campaign that is now being carried on by the capitalist class, the representatives of the Central Government, some Congress leaders and a section of our so-called nationalist Press controlled by the monopolists against the anti-automation movement by the workers and employees. They are trying to make out a case against us

that we are opposed to mechanisation as such, that we do not want technological improvement of our industry, that by opposing technological improvement we want to maintain the industrial backwardness of our country for ulterior motive and that we are believers in idyllic happiness of the bygone cart-age. Their aim is to discredit the movement and, by doing so, isolate it from popular support. We must make our position clear. We are not Syndicalists nor do we suffer from typically Gandhian anti-machine inhibition. We are not only not anti-machine, on the contrary we are fighters for modernisation of our industry. We are far more interested in industrial development of our country than the capitalists. Hence we are not opposed to automation as such, to any modernisation of industry as such, to modern civilisation based on machine. Only a fool can think of putting the clock back and have praises for the cart-age. But why did man invent machines? Definitely not for bringing more sufferings to the peoples but for reducing man's labour, extend and increase production increase social consumption of material goods and raise the standard of living of the people. Under socialist system machine fulfills, these very social tasks and serves as a blessing to mankind whereas under capitalism as in India it is a curse, a veritable means of more and more exploitation of the toiling masses. Modernisation of industry, including

automation, under capitalist system of economy is not associated with general well-being; rather it brings in lay off, retrenchment, involuntary unemployment, hunger, starvation and premature death of those whose labour produces the improved types of machines. Therefore fight is not against machine as such but against the system that uses the machine for more exploitation of the labouring class, for more profits of the exploiters, leading to more sufferings of the people. Our main fight is against capitalism. And since in the existing capitalist set up in our country automation will lead to retrenchment and unemployment, hunger and starvation we are opposing it. Any movement against automation in isolation from the general fight against capitalism, therefore, will be wrong and give a handle to capitalist class and the Government to carry on their slanderous campaign against our movement and create confusion in mass mind.

It is true that the protagonists of automation are assuring that they would not retrench any employee because of automation. This assurance must be taken with a grain of salt. Some of the dailies have advised the workers and employees to accept the assurance and give automation a fair trial. It does not require much intelligence to understand the motive behind this advice. Once the workers and employees swallow the bait it will be very difficult for them to disgorge it. Automation will then find solid footing and the resistance movement will recede. Is there any necessity of giving it a trial? Has it not been fairly tried in the industrially developed capitalist countries of the West with disastrous consequence for the workers there? Has not Mr. Thomas J.

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Democracy In A Class Divided Society Is Class Democracy

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Assembly on the 18th December. It did not refuse to summon the Assembly nor was it the contention of this Ministry that it would stick on to office even if it did not enjoy the confidence of the majority of the members of the House. Rather the Ministry fixed a date for summoning the House and wanted a trial of strength. But the Governor did not wait for that date and the trial. Like an autocrat he thought that his doubt could not be called in question and needed not be tested on the floor of the Assembly and he arrogated to himself the power to dismiss a ministry simply on the basis of uncorroborated and untested doubt of his born of some dubious information about defection from the U.F. Legislature Party at a time when defection and counter-defection have become an everyday affair in current Indian politics. The hot haste with which the Governor had acted is an indication of the Centre's unwillingness to take any chance and wait for a trial of strength in the Assembly. The phantom that the U.F. Ministry might get the support of the majority of the members of the Legislative Assembly and so might not be dislodged from office haunted the mind of the Congress leaders, the Union Congress Ministry and its faithful watch-dog, the Governor, which goaded these 'upholders of democracy' to trample under foot even the constitutional provisions and dissolve the Mukherjee Ministry without authority.

Since the last general elections and the establishment of non-Congress Governments in several States certain dangerous tendencies affecting democracy and political cleanness are coming out in the open and assuming alarming proportions. The Yankee technique of 'cash and violence' is being adopted here to buy up and

intimidate legislators and cause their defection from one party to another to topple the non-Congress Governments, especially such Governments with pronounced left leanings as in West Bengal. One need not rack one's head to surmise correctly wherefrom the cash is coming or the violence in the form of attacks on legislators opposed to sell their conscience with the help of bombs and crackers (bombs had been thrown on the West Bengal Speaker's house for his courageous stand and historic ruling denouncing the illegal action by the Governor) is emanating. The West Bengal Governor's action has given seal of approval to this technique and floor-crossing which every democratic person strongly condemns. Should not our countrymen express their gratitude over such 'expression of fidelity to non-violence, truth and democracy'? If they do not, what the hell can the Congress and the big-business with huge money bag at their disposal do except damning them as unpatriotic? Then again, another tendency that is getting concrete shape through the working of the Central Congress Government is that the powers of the elected State Legislature are being curtailed while the powers of the Centre are being increased systematically. The Governor as constitutional head having no function of his own but acting at the advice of the ministry is yielding place to the Governor as the agent of the Central Government having real executive power. The result is that the States which so long enjoyed some powers are now being gradually relegated to the position of vassals of the Centre; the little federalism which the constitution so long provided is being set at naught with deliberate calculation; the limited parliamentary democracy which the people used to enjoy is with vengeance being taken away and replaced by administrative centralisa-

tion. The unlawful action by the Governor once again establishes the stern reality which we, the Marxists-Leninists, contend that under capitalism, in parliamentary democracy, real power does not vest in the ministry even if it enjoys confidence of the people; real power is enjoyed only by the ruling class and the different organs of the capitalist state, namely, police, military, bureaucracy, etc. An elected ministry enjoying popular support can only function so long as it is allowed to function by these real rulers of the country; constitution is honoured so long as it defends the interests and is in accord with the exigency of the ruling capitalist class. If in a particular situation, at the time of crisis, constitution stands in the way of defending fundamental capitalist interest then more often than not the constitution is either amended suitably or bypassed, giving the constitutional provisions an arbitrary interpretation suited to vested interests and convenient to the capitalist class. In West Bengal's case the latter has been done.

The people should also realise some simple truth. They must understand that the replacement of the twenty years of Congress administration by the U.F. Ministry in West Bengal did not mean any fundamental change in the socio-political-economic set up in the country. Any change of Government by itself does not mean a change of the State, a fundamental change in the socio-political-economic structure. The State and the Government are two distinctly different, separate words, connoting two different ideas. The State is a permanent organisation, an instrument in the hand of the ruling class for the suppression of other class or classes whereas the Government is temporary, a caretaker of the State. If the State is a capitalist state as in India the Government is a caretaker of

this capitalist state. A State cannot be changed through election; it can only be changed through revolution, while a Government can be changed through election. Why the state cannot be changed through election is not very difficult to understand. Through election the electors can at best change the composition of the Legislature but they cannot change the other organs of the state, bureaucracy judiciary etc. which are all of permanent structure as also the class basis of these organs, the production-relation and the motive force of production. So those who say that Government is all-powerful and can do anything in the interest of the people, if it so desires, only indulge in a travesty of truth. Permanent solution of the fundamental problems of the masses of the people and their real emancipation from all sorts of exploitation of man by man cannot be achieved without the fundamental change of socio-political-economic set up of the present capitalist regime, the overthrow of the capitalist state and the establishment of a new type of state, a socialist state. This calls for revolution.

And election is no revolution even a blindman can see it. So the U. F. Government which came to hold the office through election had limited objectives. It simply wanted to bring in some reforms which would give some amount of relief to the people capable of being achieved in the existing socio-political-economic set up and under the constitution and help the growth and development of legitimate democratic mass movements. It tried to protect the legitimate democratic movements of the people for the realisation of their just and legitimate rights from unjust and illegal police interference which had been the general rule of Congress administration. This outlook of admini-

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Set up Net work of Organisation, Form People's Committees And Prepare For A Sustained Protracted Struggle

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stration pertaining to relation of police vis-a-vis legitimate mass movements advocated by our Party and ultimately endorsed by other parties in the U.F. and the U.F. Government was instrumental for the issuing of the circular by the U.F. Government that police must not interfere in the legitimate democratic trade union movement. This decision of the U.F. Government was of tremendous significance for the realisation of democratic demands of the people. It is for this correct policy, the common men of West Bengal were able to breathe some fresh air of democracy. It was not at all unconstitutional nor illegal. But nevertheless the monopolists, the reactionary forces, the Congress and the Central Government started a row over it on the plea of breakdown of law and order in order to forestall the people's just and legitimate movements against the illegal advantages which the vested interests had enjoyed during the Congress regime and stop the extension of democracy as far as possible under the existing set up to the people.

It is true that the achievements of the U.F. Government are not stupendous. But who can deny that whatever might have been the failure of it in some of the fronts it at least halted the march of police terror and violence against ordinary citizens belonging to the lower rung of society which they had bitterly experienced during Congress rule? So far as the toiling millions in West Bengal are concerned, for the first time they had the opportunity of enjoying relatively more freedom and democracy in the matter of exercising their right of association and expression. Compare this with the Congress regime or the present regime of the politically dishonest, unscrupulous careerist Dr. Ghosh. This ugly man

with an uglier mind has sought to establish his illegal and anti-people administration with an orgy of violence, sixty thousand extra policemen, army on the alert, killing innocent persons including child, severely assaulting hundreds of men, women and children, mercilessly beating innumerable innocent persons in police custody, arresting and detaining without trial in jails more than six thousand citizens, and suppressing all civil rights of assembly and expression. Dr. Ghosh is so popular a minister that he cannot come out of the Rajbhaban to attend his office at Writers' Buildings without the protection of four truckload of armed policemen. Still then neither the Congress nor the Central Government complains of breakdown of law and order. Still then this prince among the veritable self-seekers boasts on his determination to restore law and order which, according to him, was conspicuous by its absence during the U.F. administration. Thus one thing comes out clearly from the stands of the Central Government and the the illegal Ghosh Ministry. And that is this—extension of democracy to the people, protection of their legitimate democratic rights and movement from illegal police interference and refusal to drench the soil with the blood of our countrymen and detain them without trial, are, according to them, breakdown of law and order whereas curtailment of democracy, shooting down people, detaining them without trial, assaulting them mercilessly and letting loose an orgy of police terror and violence against peaceful men, women and children mean restoration of law and order. What then does law and order really mean in the capitalist set up? It means protection of capitalists and the unjust privileges of the big-business by all means even with the help of

guns and bullets. In the face of this naked truth should our people harbour any illusion about parliamentary democracy?

In our country asceticism is wrongly considered a great virtue and any one who practices it is generally held in high esteem, of course wrongly, as an honest man of character irrespective of his political, ethical and other views with which ordinary men are more concerned. It is for this absolutely wrong approach that some persons expect pro-people administration from Dr. Ghosh, some speak of his honesty while some others praise his character. After the recent event resulting in dissolution of the U.F. Ministry and installation of the illegal Ghosh Ministry by the Governor, the number of such admirers of the Gandhite leader has, of course, dwindled. But there are still some so-called intellectuals left who are lending support to him, citing his past sacrifice. Let us not talk of sacrifice. We all know it. He got much more than what he has sacrificed. And money does not measure the amount of this getting; there are so many other things like position, fame, etc. which far more compensate than monetary loss. Be that as it may, what sort of honesty is it to get elected on anti-Congress ticket with the help of left parties and violate the people's mandate and join hands with the Congress for power and position? What sort of character is it to be engaged in conspiratorial moves with anti-people forces against those who salvaged him from political oblivion? What type of man is he who allows himself to be tempted by the Congress and other anti-people forces and be a victim of personal ambition at the age of about eighty? About Dr. Ghosh, the less said, the better. He had been never a people's man.

He had never been a clean man either. It goes that Desha-bandhu C. R. Das, in consideration of Dr. Ghosh's crooked nature, very often used to crack the joke that a dose of iron mixture given to Dr. Ghosh in the morning would come out in the afternoon as a dozen iron screws as stool. It is this Gandhite leader also who introduced the West Bengal Security Act providing for detention without trial, actually detained without trial political leaders and workers behind prison-bars, ordered police to shoot persons to kill and actually shed the blood of our countrymen with bullets first in the post-independence period. Our people must, therefore, realise that if the illegal Ghosh Ministry is allowed to continue in office, they are sure to lose the freedom they enjoyed during the U.F. regime. Aware of popular hatred against him, Dr. Ghosh is trying to pacify the people. The method he has chosen for it is to bribe the people. He has increased the ration quota. Aided by the Central Government and the jotedars, speculators, rice-millers and black-marketeers whose interests his Ministry is pledged to defend he may increase the ration quota still more. But we are sure, our people with tradition of struggle should not allow themselves to be beguiled by him. A dishonest man alone can think of bribing the people to submission. So the struggle must continue.

Now the question arises what is to be done to counter the conspiracy, get the Governor recalled, make the Ghosh Ministry quit office and restore democracy in West Bengal? The Governor has, no doubt, acted illegally and unconstitutionally. The Speaker's ruling has certainly given a stout rebuff to the Governor, Dr. Ghosh and of that ilk. The people have won the first

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Victory of the Vietnamese People will Pave the Way to World Socialism

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Guevera Lives" posters proclaiming "Dump Johnson."

Johnson and his associates did not like this, and quite naturally they are concerned over the growing consciousness of the people and their developing resentment. So the Government is now going to present a Bill and coincidentally Johnson signed it on that historical day, the 21st October 1967. The Bill robs the people of their right to hold opinion and right to demonstration.

Quite logically this has roused great public indignation, and we take the opportunity here to say that American people should at once launch a mighty movement to resist this Bill—which if passed and enacted will prove a menace to democracy, the ruling class of America and their mouth-piece Johnsonians talk with no less flash and loudness.

Time Asia Edition October 27th, remarks "Lyndon Johnson was adhering to the precept set forth in 1965 Supreme Court decision rendered by U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg, then an Associate Justice. "The rights of free speech and assembly", wrote Goldberg in a majority opinion, 'while fundamental in our democratic society, still do not mean that every one with opinions or beliefs may address a group at any public place at any time!'"

Under the garb of reasonable restriction the Johnsonians are trying to gain a complete consolidation of power, robbing the working people of their basic and fundamental right—shattering the ideals of democracy. Lincoln's America is fast proceeding towards fascism—and this if allowed to gain a foothold unchecked, the working people of America will have to pay a lot afterwards,

But we must have taken note of the fact that the

deep political implication of this Bill has not entirely slipped out of the demonstrators, notice and they have already raised their voice against the undemocratic Bill—though we believe this is not enough, a relentless struggle is to be ensued.

However, Johnson did not want to take any chance and made all preparations to smother the rousing. Says Time Asia Edition October 27th "...the troops were the first committed in Metropolitan Washington for crowd-control duty since 1932, when Herbert Hoover called in 1000 cavalry and infantrymen under Douglas Mac-Arthur to put down the Bonus March."

70,000 Peace-marchers wanted an immediate end of U.S. involvement and the manhaunt in Vietnam. Working people of all strata of life joined—mothers carrying babies, on back appealing, "Babies are not for burning."

"All told, more than 100 separate organisations took part in the Washington spectacular, while more than 70 others...were involved across the nation."

Troops perfectly performed their duty hurling clubs and spraying Mace at the demonstrators. "Handcuffs clicked as Marshalls corralled their captives...Blood stains clotted in rusty trails into the Pentagon where prisoners had been dragged."

Not only Washington, "From Brooklyn to Berkeley, other explosions of anti-war and anti-draft protest had reverberated all week." People's emotions went to such a height that "A suburban Los Angeles housewife walked up the steps of the New Federal Building, doused herself in gasoline and struck a match. "...The Antiwar sentiment ignited the San Francisco Bay Area, tinderbox of every anti movement of recent years.

Boiling out from the University of California Campus to Berkeley, aggressively non-violent protestors descended 10000 strong upon Oakland and surrounded the cities draft-induction centre...Next day, still intent on shutting down the induction centre the crowd defied police orders to move out and was subdued by a flying wedge of helmeted patrolmen wielding billy clubs and squirt guns loaded with Mace—a Chemical crowd-dispersal spray that stings, sickens and temporarily blinds any one it hits in the face...at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where 2,500 demonstrators clashed with police over the right of the Dow Chemical Co. to recruit job applicants on University turf. (Dows' crime, as seen from the campus, is that it manufactures napalm)"

What we want to stress upon from the above is the fact that American working people do not only disapprove of U. S Imperialists war designs—but also want an immediate end of the hostilities. This war and the many others U.S.A is engaged in is not in any way serving American working people's interest—the war merchants are profiteering and fleecing the American people as well in ever greater degree. The working people are losing even their relative comfort—standard of living gradually deteriorating. Moreover the American toll in the Vietnam war is increasing everyday—mothers losing their sons, sisters losing their brothers, wives losing their husbands, children losing their fathers—miseries of the working people are ever deepening.

So, even for the sake of their own interest—the American toiling millions cannot allow this war in Vietnam and any other to

continue. But the ruling class—the monopolist, have contrary interest. Peace is their grave—as the saying goes, "Peace to the toilers is a blessing, to the exploiters their doom." And so the wall street big bosses will not pay any heed to appeals and requests. It is to be imposed upon them—a great fight is awaiting when contradictory interests are in sharp conflict. The sooner the American people become conscious of this class contradiction and consolidate themselves as one man and fight and overthrow the exploiters—the sooner the miseries of their own and that of the world will end.

It is however a matter of regret that we, in India, have failed to organise any struggle worthy of its name in support of the Vietnamese people which we ought to have. We have failed in our duty to develop that kind of mighty militant movement which could compel the India Government to take a relatively independent stand, independent from the influence of the American Imperialists—to raise the strongest voice of protest against the American atrocities in Vietnam, to demand complete withdrawal of the American forces from Vietnam—in short, to perform the real duty as the Chairman of the International Control Commission. More striking, if not shocking, is the role performed by those big parties who swear by Marxism-Leninism, who never forget to utilise the Vietnamese people's heroic struggle to their own organisational credit and who constantly clamour for anti-imperialist and anti-feudal Revolution in India but who painfully lagged behind even in the matter of taking any initiative to build up a joint anti-imperialist struggle on this occasion although they have been very often found to mobilise numbers of people

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Fight Against Automation is A Fight Against the Forces of Capitalism Armed to the Teeth And Fascistically Organised

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Watson, President of I.B.M. Corporation, admitted frankly that "automation's greatest benefit" is "the elimination of labour" (Eugene M. Grables' Automation in Business and Industry page 553)? Has not the Indian Management, Journal of the All India Management Association, been forced to admit "unemployment at the clerical level is a natural corollary of computer installation" (Vol. IV, No. 6, page 15)? Has not the ILO observed that as a result of automation "displacement" among the clerical employees doing book-keeping, filing, accountancy, invoicing works "will be very high" (Effects of Mechanisation And Automation Page 22)? Is it at all difficult to understand that if the management installs an IBM 7094 capable of doing in about an hour of computer time the equivalent of one million manhours of desk calculator work, it will keep the members of the clerical staff in employment and pay them their salaries for doing no work? Hence automation is bound to render the workers and employees surplus and make them unemployed in the existing condition. It will also shrink the employment potential greatly. The backlog of unemployment at the end of the Third Five Year Plan was, according to the Planning Commission, 9 to 10 millions. Add to it 16 millions of under-employed persons available and willing to take up additional work and you will get a rough idea of our unemployment problem. I say rough idea. Because, even the Planning Commission cannot but admit "these statistics are not as precise as they should be." They are an underestimate. The actual numbers of unemployed and under-employed are

much higher. In the circumstances it cannot be a healthy policy to make more people unemployed through the introduction of automation, especially automation of so-called unproductive table-work.

We all know that crisis is inherent in capitalist economy. So long as capitalist rule will remain, capitalist crisis is bound to recur at intervals. After the second World War with the loss of the relative stability which capitalist market enjoyed during the pre-War period, the intervals have become extremely short. As a result, crisis has become almost a constant feature of present-day capitalist economy. In spite of so-called planning, militarisation of economy, drive for all out centralisation of capitalist powers and resources, crisis is shaking the foundation of capitalist country. The capitalist economy of our country is no exception to this general rule. Indian economy also is now faced with a serious crisis; the limited development which the country has made in the sphere of industry has already landed the economy into a crisis of market. More and more industries are working below capacity. According to the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries, in our Engineering Industry 55 per cent of the total installed capacity is idle. Other branches of industries are not much better, even though there the crisis is not so pronounced. I have presently told you that all talks of solving crisis under capitalism permanently are meaningless. We cannot simply do it. Even then certain measures can be taken as palliatives. It is known to all that Engineering goods are used for industrial consumption and not individual consumption. In the

long run however industrial consumption depends on individual consumption. So if the Government and the employers want to relatively free the Engineering industry from its present crisis, they are to increase the effective demand for Engineering goods which can only be done by expanding the consumer goods producing industry. But the expansion of the latter industry is not possible without increasing the effective demand for consumer goods. And increase in the effective demand for consumer goods is impossible without the increase in the purchasing power of the people. Retrenchment, Unemployment, Wage-freeze, etc. will further lower the purchasing power of the people. More employment and higher wage with more production of consumer goods and more effective demand for them are the only way of lessening the acuteness of the present economic crisis in our country. Automation leading to unemployment and shrinkage of employment potential is definitely antagonistic to that way. It will only accentuate the crisis.

But reason has little effect on those who run after maximum profit. Reason is a taboo to the Congress Government at the Centre that is hand in glove with the capitalist class. They know only one language and that is the language of force. So if you are determined to foil automation, you, we and the rest of the working class of our country will have to resist it by force of mighty, organised, sustained movement throughout the country. You know that the United Front Government in West Bengal was opposed to automation, especially automation of table-work. Many of you may be aware that the Chairman of the LIC had a

bit of my mind, while I was the Labour Minister, about automation. The Railway Minister also was informed accordingly. On behalf of the United Front Government in West Bengal I told the Union Labour Minister in the Labour Ministers' Conference and the Standing Labour Committee meeting that in case the Union Government and the employers backed by Union Government would try to introduce automation against the will of the employees, the United Front Government would actively support the workers and employees struggling against automation. Most of the non-Congress Governments were then opposed to automation. So the capitalist class and other vested interests and reactionary forces, a section of the bureaucracy and police officials, the Congress Party and Congress Government at the Centre and the Governors conspired to topple the non-Congress Governments with pronounced left leanings. Many of these Governments have by now been unjustly and illegally dissolved by the Governors. In West Bengal this has been done in flagrant violation of all democratic norms and even constitutional provisions.

Friends and Comrades, before I conclude I like to remind you of certain dangerous tendencies which are expressing themselves more markedly of late in the body politic of India. Ever since the capture of power by the Indian Capitalist class in 1947, in the name of planning it is trying to strengthen the economic base of Indian capitalism by setting up heavy and basic industries under the state sector, give the existing productive power a monopolistic shape, bring about a fusion

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Remove This Illegal Ministry

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round of constitutional fight. It goes without saying that one should not have allergy to any form of movement including parliamentary movement. Certainly we must use the constitution to carry on our struggle. But we must at the same time realise that parliamentary movement, constitutional fight, will not lead the movement very far. Subtle and deliberate attempts are being made by interested sections to divert the main current of people's hatred against the Ghosh Ministry into the channel of constitutional and legalistic mock-fight and thereby stab in the back the development of a real movement. It is only through organised massive movement of the people throughout the State that the demands of the people can be achieved. But it is impossible to develop and conduct such a movement without an organisation capable of carrying on the movement. But where is such an organisation for conducting the struggle today? Unfortunately, there is none. As soon as the U.F. Government was formed and prior to it also our Party repeatedly appealed to all other parties constituting the U.F. to avail themselves of the favourable situation, set up a network of people's own organ of struggle in the form of people's committee, carry ideological campaign to free people from any illusion about the Congress that they may have, mobilise public opinion in favour of the U.F. and the U.F. Government and enroll thousands of volunteers under the people's committees as a measure of defence against the anticipated attack by the Congress, Congress Government at the Centre, vested interests and reactionary forces, bureaucracy and the police against the U.F. Government. These appeals by our Party met with little response from the bigger parties as a result of which the U.F. has missed the the bus and allowed the opportunity of favourable

situation to slip away. And the organisation for planned organised sustained mighty mass movement stands where it stood before the U.F. Government was formed, may be a few steps backward. But let us not cry over spilt milk. Let us get over our sluggish mentality and throw ourselves in right earnest to build up public opinion against the dissolution of the U.F. Ministry, the installation of the illegal Ghosh Ministry and the imposition of restrictive measures, mobilise thousands and thousands of people through huge mass meetings wherever possible, group meetings, discussions, conferences of all sections of the people, enroll volunteers in hundreds of thousands and build and strengthen people's committees at every corner of West Bengal and prepare for a sustained organised mighty mass movement. We must not forget that our enemy backed by administrative machinery is armed to the teeth, very powerful and organised. Loose movement based on spontaneous support of the people of short and swift explosive movement by the party workers and supporters alone will fail to ensure defeat of the enemy and realisation of the democratic demands of the people. So mobilisation and organisation of the masses are the crying need for the success of the movement. Sporadic action on the street or courting jail is not the only form of movement. Building up of organisation for a planned organised sustained massive movement is also movement. Those who fail or refuse to realise it or those who can think of no other form of movement than Satyagraha, sporadic explosive action on the streets, knowingly or unknowingly, oppose organised sustained massive movements. So our appeal to the people and other left parties—Build up people's committees, enroll thousands of volunteers under the people's committees, mobilise public opinion against the Governor's illegal action and the Ghosh Ministry, give organisational shape to the spontaneous popular indignation against the Ghosh Ministry and gradually raise the stage of movement to higher and still higher pitch till the demands of the masses are met.

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of State Capital and private monopoly capital, minimise the antagonistic contradictions between individual capitalists as far as practicable and achieve the maximum possible concentration of economy. More and more administrative centralisation and cultural regimentation reflecting the economic concentration are also being sought to be achieved. We cannot forget that these are the characteristic features of fascism. In fact, fascism has already made deep inroad in our society. This is further reflected by the application of the Yankee technique of cash and violence to buy up and intimidate legislators in the Congress bid to topple non-Congress Governments as also by the gradual withdrawal of the powers of the elected Legislatures vis-a-vis the enhancement of powers of the Governors and the taking away of the little

federalism which the Indian Constitution provided making the Central Government almost all-powerful. The fight against automation is a fight against these forces, powerful, armed to the teeth and fascistically organised. Nevertheless must we win. All that we require for this is organisation. This Convention, I am sure, will formulate a correct line for the mobilisation of public opinion in favour of the struggling workers and employees against the Congress Government at the Centre and the Capitalists, giving popular indignation against automation an organisational shape and creating favourable conditions for a massive, sustained, organised struggle against automation. With these words I declare the Convention open. Thank you all, friends and comrades. My greetings to you.

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against this capitalist Government particularly on the occasions of election battles.

We earnestly hope that the Indian toiling millions will be more conscious and stand in militant active support of the oppressed brothers in Vietnam—the fighters who are the pride of the world working people, who in their fight against U.S. war monsters are in actuality laying the path for the liberation of the world working people. Every blow they inflict upon the warheads, every achievement they ensure—they lay the foundation of a prosperous, happy, beautiful new world.

Long live liberation fighters of Vietnam! Long live revolution!!

AN APPEAL

A meeting of representatives of intellectuals and professional men of the state took place on Sunday last (10.12.67) in the Theosophical Society Hall, College Street. This meeting set up a Preparatory Committee to organise a convention to Defend Democracy and mobilise public opinion against the arbitrary action of the Governor of West Bengal as also against Police atrocities. Members of the Public who have suffered at the hands of Police in the past 2 weeks in the streets, in the Maidan in

their houses, inside schools, colleges or in police lock-ups, are requested to establish immediate contact with the Committee in any of the following addresses:—

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- 2) Prof. Santosh Mitra, Charu Chandra College, Lake Road (phone 44-2847)
- 3) Prof. Buddhadev Bhattacharya, 37, Ripon St. Cal-16 (phone: 44-1544)
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